II Class is available to war widows including those of IPKF casualties. Also, recipients and widows of posthumous recipients of Chakra series of gallantry awards are entitled for free rail pass for travelling in Class I/II AC Sleeper.

(b) *Air Travel Concession*: Certain categories of ex- Servicemen are eligible to 50% concession in fare for air travel in domestic flights of the Indian Air Lines.

Reservation of House-Sites/Houses: Majority of States have made reservations for serving/retired Armed Forces personnel in allotment of house sites/house.

Grant for Repair of Houses: Financial assistance is provided especially to war widows/war disabled for repair of house on 50% cost sharing basis with State Government up to an extent of Rs. 10,000/-.

Sainik Rest House Facilities: Over 252 Sainik Rest Houses have been created in the country which provide transit facilities to ex-Servicemen and dependants at nominal rates.

The above schemes, except reservation for ex-Servicemen in government jobs, are being implemented effectively. Department of Personnel and Training have issued instructions from time to ensure full utilisation of the vacancies reserved for ex-Servicemen.

Pension cases of ex-Servicemen

So far 2,85,912 cases of pensions have been revised consequent upon implementation of the recommendation of the Fifth Pay Commission. Presently 12,558 such cases are pending for revision. These cases have been received after 7.1.2000. For speedy settlement of pension cases, the Pension Disbursement Authorities have been authorised to revise cases of Family Pension at their level; and the procedure has been simplified and computerised. Progress of such cases is being continuously monitored.

Fortification measures in Kashmir

626. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the context of Kargil conflict followed with renewed

militants' strikes, and increase in infiltration, Government have initiated a string of fortification measures in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the concrete measures being adopted to curb and control militancy and the detailed estimated cost of the fortification measures; and

(c) whether the measures also include the relief and rehabilitation of over 2.30 lakh displaced persons; if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) To curb and control militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, the Govt. has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, *inter-alia,* strengthening the border management with multiteared deployment of Security forces neutralising plans of the militants by; proactive action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through and institutional framework of Operations Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces. Steps have also been taken afresh to flush out militants and curb militant activities including closer vigil on the border, establishment of more naka parties in depth areas to check infiltration/exfiltration, more pickets, intensive patrolling and extensive cordon and search operations.

(c) The relief package sanctioned by the government of Jammu and Kashmir for victims of border shelling/firing in Jammu and Kashmir includes free ration at the rate of 9 kgs of food grain per month per person, kerosene oil at the rate of 10 litres per family per month, cash assistance at the rate of Rs. 200 per member per month etc. *Ex-gratia* relief is also paid under the standing orders to the next of kin of persons killed at the rate of Rs. 1 lakh and suitable amount to persons injured as per the relevant Government orders. For damaged immovable property, 50% of the assessed loss, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 1 lakh in each case is paid. Free medical treatment including cost of drugs till such time the persons go back to their homes is also provided. Free medical treatment is also provided to the livestock of the families in the border belts.

Overstaying by Pakistani Nationals in U.P.

†627. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Uttar Pradesh police

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.